

The Office of Inspector General (OIG), Department of Defense (DoD), announced today that on December 5, 2000, in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Texas, Fort Worth, Texas, a jury convicted Steven Carl Bradley of six counts of mail fraud and one count of conspiracy to commit mail fraud.

The trial resulted from an August 16, 2000, indictment of Bradley and Robert Todd Willis. Willis, who pled guilty to one count of mail fraud on November 17, 2000, testified for the government at trial. The indictment was the result of an investigation that disclosed Bradley and Willis owned and operated a telemarketing company called Mid-Cities Health Services in Mansfield and Arlington, Texas. Mid-Cities employees contacted handicapped individuals and offered them durable medical equipment, such as hospital beds, motorized vehicles and wheelchairs. The customers were told the medical equipment could be free of charge provided their physician filled out a prescription, and their insurance company covered the equipment. Once the customers identified their physician and insurance, Bradley and Willis allegedly filed claims with private insurance companies and TRICARE for durable medical equipment that was not delivered or was inferior to that claimed.

Bradley, who faces a maximum sentence of 35 years in prison and a fine of \$1.75 million, will be sentenced on March 2, 2001.